

Remarks

Claims 10-20 were pending. Please cancel claims 16-17 and 20. Claim 10 is currently amended. No new claims have been added. Claims 10-15 and 18-19 are pending. The specification has been amended on page 11 to correct a typographical error. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

§ 112 Rejections

Claims 10-15 and 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, purportedly because the specification, while being enabling for a heat curing agent comprising a rosin having a carboxyl group in the molecule, does not reasonably provide enablement for any other heat curing agent. Claims 17 and 20 also are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as purportedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 17 and 20 are cancelled mooted the rejections of these claims.

Claim 10 has been amended to include the features of claim 16, which was objected to for dependence from an allowable base claim. Claim 16 was otherwise allowable, so claim 10 now should be allowed. Prior claim 16 is cancelled. Claims 11-15 and 18-19 depend from allowable claim 10 and also should be allowed.

In summary, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 10-15 and 17-20 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, has been overcome, that the rejection should be withdrawn, and that the case should proceed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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